

# An Overview of Results from SDP's Return-to-School Survey - June 2020

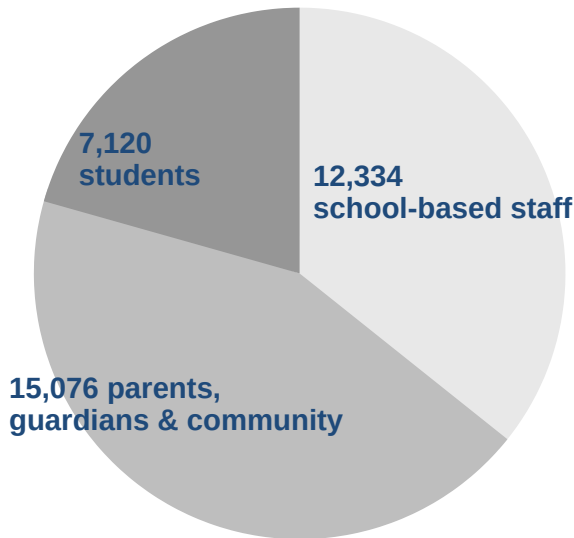
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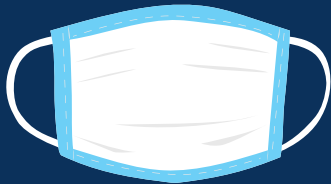
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**34,000+ Responses Between  
June 15 and June 22.**

The survey asked about comfortability returning to in-person instruction and which CDC-aligned safety measures are most important.



## Top Three Safety Measures Identified by All Respondent Groups



**30%**

said mask-wearing  
was their #1 priority.



**14%**

said daily building cleaning  
was their #1 priority.



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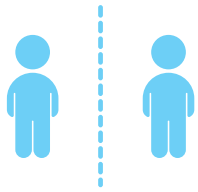
said washing/sanitizing stations  
were their #1 priority.

**5,322 parents/guardians and community members  
and 1,325 students wrote in additional feedback.**

Parents/guardians and students most frequently wrote about...

- **masks (994 mentions)**
- **clean/wash (566)**
- **sanitize/sanitizer (365)**
- **vaccines (332 mentions)**
- **schedules (283)**
- **temperature checks (44)**

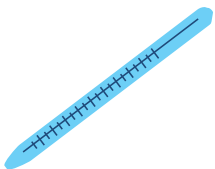
# More than half of all respondent groups said they felt comfortable or very comfortable returning to school with safety measures in place.



Percentage who would feel *comfortable* or *very comfortable* returning to the school building in person **if schools have fewer students in the building at one time and rules are in place to limit contact**



Percentage who would feel *comfortable* or *very comfortable* returning to the school building in person **if hand washing/sanitizing stations are set up in every classroom and schools are cleaned each day**



Percentage who would feel *comfortable* or *very comfortable* returning to the school building in person **if all students and staff have temperature checks each day, wear masks, and no visitors are allowed**

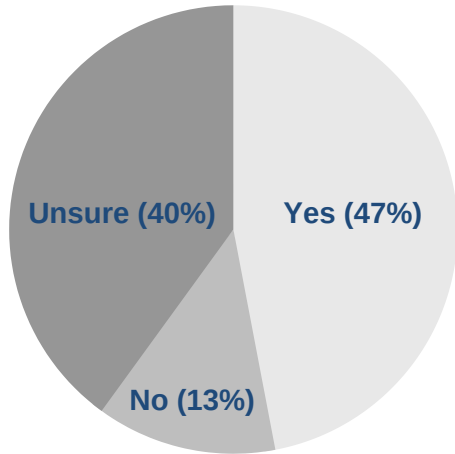


Percentage who would feel *comfortable* or *very comfortable* returning to the school building in person **if all the safety measures listed above were implemented**



## Almost half of parents/guardians (47%) said they would send their children back to school under current circumstances...

Would you send your child back to school for in-person instruction under current circumstances?



**"I don't think temperature checks are a worthwhile use of District funds. They are pointless as many [children] are asymptomatic. Also, you could have no fever one day and a fever the next."**

**-Parent Respondent**

**...and 62% said they would send their children back with safety measures in place.**

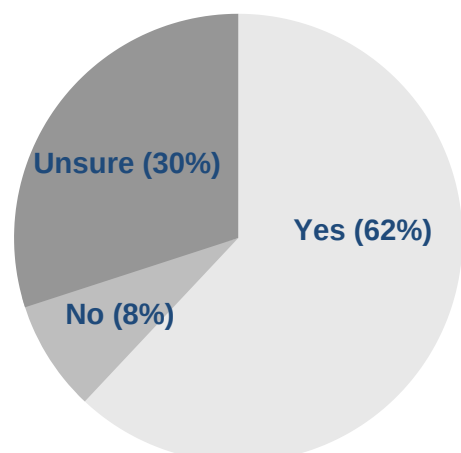
**"Having children wear masks for 8 hours a day seems excessive... if desks are 6 feet apart I don't feel they need them all day."**

**-Parent Respondent**

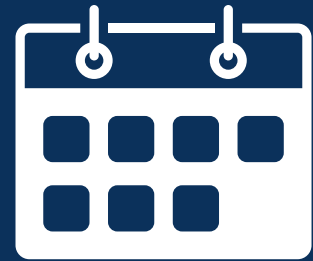
**"Please make it safe and clean for our children to go to school and learn...and come back to us healthy and safe."**

**-Parent Respondent**

Would you send your child back to school for in-person instruction with safety measures in place?



**28% of school-based staff and 27% of parents and guardians said they would feel most comfortable if students returned to school in shifts on alternate days of the week...**



**...while 24% of school-based staff and 21% of parents and guardians said they would prefer students attend school daily but in shifts.**

**"I personally believe that any kid with [a] pre-existing condition (for example, asthma) should continue [their] education virtually and not [be] exposed to students, staff...etc."**

**-Parent Respondent**

**"Juggling drop offs and pick ups will be challenging for parents if children are on different schedules... There has to be some coordination with siblings."**

**-Parent Respondent**

The School District of Philadelphia is working to ensure that the restart of school is safe, includes families and employees in the process, and prioritizes student achievement, high-quality instruction and the health and well-being of all.

For the most recent information, opportunities to provide feedback, and our plans for re-opening school safely, please visit [www.philasd.org/coronavirus/schoolstart2020/](http://www.philasd.org/coronavirus/schoolstart2020/).

For a longer summary of results from the June reopening surveys, including an overview of results from more than 1,000 central office staff, go to [bit.ly/SDPreturnsurvey](http://bit.ly/SDPreturnsurvey).



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